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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/757,883	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MATSUBARA, AKIO	
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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-25, 27-29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Yogeshwar ET al. (Pub.No: US 2004/0096110).

In regard to claim 1, Yogeshwar provides for a decompressing unit to decompress image data having a first data compression format ( Fig.6 element 602, Para.142); an obtaining unit to obtain a second data compression format ( Fig.6 element 606, para. 142) that is applicable for decompression by another image processing apparatus ( para.143, note user specified output format); a re-compressing unit to re-compress the decompressed image data with the second data compression format obtained by the obtaining unit (Fig.6 element 606, para. 142); and a transmitting unit to transmit the re-compressed image data to the other image processing apparatus ( Fig.6 see the output of encoder 1-encoder M).

With regard to claims 2/15/ and 20 Yogeshwar provides for a memory unit to store the image data having the first data compression format ( Fig4 element 404, para.89).

As to claims 3,16 and 21 Yogeshwar provides for a request receiving unit ( Fig.6

element 606, para 142) to receive a request from the other image processing apparatus requesting for the image data having the first data compression format( para.143, note user specified output format).

In regard to claim 4, 17 and 22 Yogeshwar provides for, wherein the first data compression format is a JPEG 2000 format (para.156).

With regard to claims 5,18 and 23 Yogeshwar provides for ,wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network ( Para.8, see internet or wireless network).

As to claims 6 and 24, Yogeshwar provides for the decompressing unit can selectively decompress a part of the image data having the first data compression format (Fig.6 element 602, see full or partial decoding).

In regard to claims 7 and 27 Yogeshwar provides for, wherein the re-compression of the decompressed image data is performed with a lossless compression scheme (para.23, see lossless).

With regard to claims 9 and 27, Yogeshwar provides for, wherein the lossless compression scheme is a JPEG/DPCM scheme (para.156).

As to claims 10 and 28, Yogeshwar provides for, wherein the re-compression of the decompressed image data is performed with a lossy compression scheme (para.156).

In regard to claims 11 and 29, Yogeshwar provides for, wherein the lossy compression scheme is a JPEG/DCT scheme (para.156).

With regard to claims 13 and 31, Yogeshwar provides for, wherein the re-

compressing unit switches between lossless compression and lossy compression according to a prescribed condition (Fig.6 element 606, Para.142, see multi-format decoder).

As to claim 14, see the rejection of claim 1. It recites similar limitations as claim 14. Hence it is similarly analyzed and rejected.

In regard to claim 19, see the rejection of claim 1. It recites similar limitations as claim 19. Except for having one or more recordable media storage (Fig.4 element 404). Hence it similarly analyzed and rejected.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8, 12, 26 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yogeshwar (Pub. No: US 2004/0096110) in view of Lopresti et al. (Pub. No: US 2004/0120589).

As to claims 8,12, 26 and 30 Yogeshwar does not provide for the lossless compression scheme is an LZH scheme and the lossy compression scheme is a GIF scheme. Lopresti provides for LZH and GIF compression scheme (Para.14). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Lopresti with the system and method of Yogeshware to trans-code the web images found on existing web pages for a particular class of client

devices. In this manner, client devices with limited capabilities can make optimal use of web pages. See Para.0003 of Loprest.


### **Contact Information**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Bayat whose telephone number is 571-272-7444.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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